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By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the continuing
of Farthing-Tokens.



Orasmuch as since the publishing of our third Proclamation giuen at Roy-
ston the sixe and twentie day of October 1615. establishing the continuance of
Our Farthing-tokens, and prohibiting the vse of all, or any other Tokens
whatsoever, we are informed, That divers Chandlers and other Tradesmen
doe continue the making, vse and utterance of their vnlawfull Tokens of lead,
brasse, or other mettall, or matter contrary to Our Command by severall Procla-
mations formerly declared, and in contempt of Our Royal commandement, and
in derogation of Our Prerogative Royal, pretending to be surcharged with Our
Farthing-tokens for want of a due rechange of them into sterlinc money, which
by Our former Proclamation was limited but for one yeere onely, for the intent
of the better distributing of Our sayd Farthing-tokens; And whereas the sayd Chandlers and other
Tradesmen, to whose hands the greatest quantitie of Tokens are brought, haue also alleadged, that the
issuing of Our said Farthing-tokens from the Makers at the rate of one and twenty shillings in Tokens,
for twentie shillings in Sterlinc money, did breed an inconuenience and a further surcharge vnto them, in
that many for the gaine of that twelue pence in twentie shillings, would take Our sayd Tokens by great
summes, and so with the same and some money pay handy-craftsmen for their labour at the weekes end:
we (intending to remoue the neglects, abuses, and inconueniences aforesayd, and that euery person may
be left without all excuse, if againe they should presume to infringe Our Royall Commandement); Doe by
these presents publish and declare Our Royall will and pleasure, that all points and Articles contained in
Our sayd former Proclamations be duely in all things obserued, performed and kept; and that the further
vse of the said leaden Tokens, and all or any other Tokens whatsoever made or vsed within Our Realmes
of England and Ireland, and Dominion of Wales, be from henceforth vterly suppressed and abolished:
And that Our Farthing-tokens formerly by these presents authorized shall continue and be without any al-
teration of the stampe, or print now vsed, according to the intent of Our sayd former Proclamations. And
furthermore Our Royall will and pleasure is; That from henceforth (in the issuing of Our said Farthing-
tokens) there be given but onely twenty shillings in Farthing-tokens for twentie shillings in Sterlinc mo-
neys, and that there be established a continual rechange for them within Our Citie of London, Where
Our sayd Tokens shall be issued, that all Tradesmen and others receiuing the sayd Tokens for Sterlinc
money, may at all convenient times, haue in like manner Sterlinc money for Our Farthing-tokens, deli-
vering in exchange one and twenty shillings in Tokens for twentie shillings of Sterlinc money, according
to the intent of Our first Proclamation, bearing date the nineteenth day of May, in the eleventh yeere of
Our Reigne of Great Brittain, France and Ireland. And therefore we doe straitly prohibite and for-
bid as aforesaid, all and euery person and persons whatsoever, aswell to vse, receiue or keepe any Tokens
whatsoever other then Our said Farthing-tokens, as also to make and counterfeit Our said Farthing-to-
kens, or the Engines or Instruments whereby they are made, or to be made, vpon paine of condigne pu-
nishment for their offences in contempt of Our Commandement, and in derogation of Our Prerogative
Royall: Straitly charging, and commanding all and singuler Maiors, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffes,
Baillifes, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other Officers and ministers to whom it shall or may apper-
taine, to doe their vtermost endeouours, for the discouery and searching out of all offences, and offendours,
against this Our Royall Commandement, and for the due execution and performance of the Premisses.

Giuen at Our Mannor of Theobaldes the seventeenth day of March, in the fourteenth yeere of Our Raigne
of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the Fiftieth.

God laue the King.

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